



REPORT ON THE HEALTH
OF
KNUTSFORD URBAN DISTRICT
FOR
THE YEAR 1965

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KNUTSFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Knutsford.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration and approval the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances in the district during the year 1965.

The Comparative Figures of Vital Statistics on page 6 of the report provides a quick reference to the principal statistics in the district. The population has practically doubled itself during the past 50 years, the birth rate has dropped by 6 per thousand of the population, and the death rate (excluding deaths of non-Knutsford residents in Cranford Lodge) has fallen by 3 deaths per thousand of the population in the same period of time.

Compared with 1964 the population has increased by 190 to 10,200. There were 162 births equal to a crude birth rate of 15.9 per thousand of the population. The standardised birth rate of 16.4 was substantially lower than the national birth rate of 18.1 per thousand of the population in England and Wales.

There were 221 deaths equal to a crude death rate of 21.7 per thousand of the population, but the standardised death rate (which excludes the deaths of non-Knutsford residents) of 9.5 was also substantially lower than the average death rate for England and Wales which was 11.5 per thousand of the population.

The table setting out the causes of death (page 5) has been drawn up in accordance with the Registrar General's classification of the causes of death. Diseases of the heart and bloodvessels occupy five separate headings, but if the deaths in these five groups are added together, because the groups can be covered by the term cardiovascular system, they total 109, namely 50% of the total deaths in the district. This compares with 29 deaths classified to malignant neoplasms about which a lot more is heard, especially cancer of the lung which was responsible for 9 deaths. Vascular lesions of the nervous system includes cerebral haemorrhage and cerebral thrombosis for which conditions there are really no preventive measures which can be taken at the moment, but the 32 deaths attributable to coronary artery disease reflect the increasing strain to which people are now exposed, especially the middle aged. The victims of coronary artery disease are, in the main, those who have worked hard, found and accepted responsibility and are embarking upon a period of their lives when they might expect to enjoy the fruits of their labours. Stress is a factor in our lives which will not be overcome by any easy method, but it is foreseen that action will have to be taken to ensure that individuals do not find themselves in situations where they are unable to cope with responsibilities in excess of their capabilities.

The only noteworthy point in the table of notifiable diseases was the occurrence of a case of pulmonary tuberculosis after a period of four consecutive years without a notification of a case of the disease. It was an unfortunate occurrence for the patient, but at the same time a salutary reminder that tuberculosis is not a "dead" disease. The advances in preventive and curative medicine have provided sufficient opposition to cause the disease to yield ground, but that it can still break through is evidenced by the single case.

Knutsford is a market town with a lot of old world charm and character, but much of this attractiveness is dependant upon the state of repair and decoration of the buildings. There are many old buildings in the town where the cost of up-keep is high and where it is difficult to make them conform to the modern standards of housing. Adequate and suitable housing are most important in a person's or family's life, and as housing standards improve so these older buildings fall further behind, and one is led to wonder how much life the older houses have ahead of them and to what extent the reminders of the past in the town can be expected to resist to advances of modern building.

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Perusal of the report shows that the health of the people and the sanitary circumstances in the district are satisfactory. Knutsford is a pleasant town in which to live, but the quiet and peacefulness of the town which followed the opening of the M.6 motorway will unfortunately be shattered by the increasing use of Manchester Airport by jet planes. Progress cannot be halted but it is hoped that ways and means will be found to reduce the noise of jet engines.

I have to thank Members of the Health Committee for their support during the year, and Mr. Darbyshire for his unstinted assistance during the year and in the preparation of this report.

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Your obedient servant,

E. H. GORDON

Medical Officer of Health

PART 1

Area	2,485 acres
Average Height above sea level	210 feet
Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population	10,200
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1965) per rate book	3,303
Rateable Value at 1st April 1965	£347,116. 0. 0.
Sum represented by a penny rate 1st April 1965	£1,371. 0. 0.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:	1965	1964
Number	162	170
Rate per 1,000 population	15.9	16.9
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.4	17.4
General Birth Rate (England & Wales)	18.1	18.4
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5.6	5.9
Still Births		
Number	4	3
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	24.0	17.0
Total live and still births	166	173
Infant Mortality Rates		
Infant deaths (death under 1 year)	3	1
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	18.5	5.9
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	19.6	6.25
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	18.5	5.9
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	6.2	5.9
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	30	23.1
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)		
Number of deaths	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0	0
Total deaths	221	207
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	21.7	20.6
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	9.5	9.7
General Death Rate (England and Wales)	11.5	11.3
Deaths from Tuberculosis	0	1
Deaths from Cancer	30	27
Deaths from Accidents	1	5

The population figures given are for home population and the birth and death rates are based on this figure. The standardised rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, thus giving a fairer comparison with those of other areas.

The death rate comparability factor is adjusted specifically to take into consideration the presence of any residential institution in each area. This makes provision for the deaths occurring in Cranford Lodge Hospital amongst the aged persons and thus gives a better comparison with the rate for the rest of the Country.

PART II TABLES

TABLE I

LIVE BIRTHS

1965

-	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1964
Males	80	5	85	77
Females	73	4	77	93
	153	9	162	170

TABLE II

STILL BIRTHS

1965

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1964
Males	2	0	2	1
Females	2	0	2	2
	4	0	4	3

TABLE III

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

1965

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1964
Males	1	0	1	0
Females	2	0	2	1
	3	0	3	1

TABLE IV
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1964
Males	1	0	1	0
Females	2	0	2	1
	3	0	3	1

TABLE V
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1964
Males	0	0	0	0
Females	1	0	1	1
	1	0	1	1
The cause of the infant death was Encephalocele				

TABLE VI

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases Notified 1965
Scarlet Fever	3
Whooping Cough	6
Diphtheria (including Membranous Group)	0
Measles (excluding Rubella)	30
Meningococcal Infection	0
Acute Poliomyelitis:-	
Paralytic	0
Non-Paralytic	0
Acute Encephalitis:-	
Infective	0
Post Infectious	0
Dysentery	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0
Smallpox	0
Paratyphoid Fevers	0
Enteric or Typhoid (Exc. Paratyphoid	0
Food Poisoning (Exc. dysentery typhoid	
and paratyphoid fevers)	0
Tuberculosis:-	
Respiratory	1
Other	0
Erysipilas	0
Pneumonia (primary)	1

	41
	1964
	219

TABLE VII

Number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified
during the year ended 31st December 1965

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Comparative Table of Cases of Tuberculosis
notified during the past 10 years

1954 - 6	1957 - 1	1960 - 6	1963 - 0
1955 - 1	1958 - 3	1961 - 0	1964 - 0
1956 - 3	1959 - 1	1962 - 0	

TABLE VIII

Deaths from Tuberculosis registered during the year ended 31st December
1965

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TABLE IX

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1965 AND CAUSES

All Causes Certified 221 Uncertified 0	Male	Female	Total	1964 Totals
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0	0	1
Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	1	0	1	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0	0
Other infective & parasitic diseases	0	1	1	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	8	1	9	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	4	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0	0	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	5	13	12
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	1	1	2
Diabetes	1	0	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	20	30	50	45
Coronary disease, angina	21	11	32	22
Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	0	1
Other heart disease	17	23	40	31
Other circulatory disease	1	3	4	7
Influenza	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	3	4	7	10
Bronchitis	6	2	8	8
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	0	2	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0	0	0
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0	0
Congenital malformations	1	1	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	32	40	45
Motor vehicle accidents	1	0	1	1
All other accidents	0	0	0	4
Suicide	0	0	0	1
Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0	0
1965 Total	101	120	221	207
1964 Total	88	119	207	-

TABLE X
COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Total Population	Total Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate	Deaths of Infants under 1 year
1911	5,983	113	22.0	63	12.3	9
1915	5,378	94	19.1	62	12.3	6
1920	5,035	107	21.2	65	12.9	7
1925	5,499	69	12.5	45	8.3	4
1930	5,846	84	14.2	50	8.5	5
1935	5,681	61	10.7	58	10.2	2
1940	6,306	77	12.2	80	12.7	3
1945	5,620	95	16.9	74	13.2	6
1950	6,357	90	14.2	67	10.5	0
1951	6,576	100	15.2	90	13.7	0
1952	6,530	90	13.8	124	19.0	1
1953	6,805	105	15.4	157	11.0	0
1954	7,090	101	15.0	233	13.3	2
1955	7,200	98	14.4	240	10.8	3
1956	7,470	96	12.8	211	11.3	2
1957	7,720	132	17.1	175	11.1	3
1958	7,980	129	15.8	203	14.6	4
1959	8,870	144	15.4	194	13.1	5
1960	9,400	175	17.3	205	13.1	8
1961	9,460	176	17.3	203	12.3	6
1962	9,670	155	15.3	251	14.6	3
1963	9,760	157	16.6	217	10.4	3
1964	10,010	170	17.4	207	9.7	1
1965	10,200	162	16.4	221	9.5	3

From 1951 onwards the total deaths include those of non-Knutsford residents occurring in Cranford Lodge Hospital. i.e. long stay cases of chronic sickness.

From 1953 onwards the death rate is that estimated for Knutsford residents only (i.e. excluding deaths of non-Knutsford residents in Cranford Lodge Hospital).

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES AND
SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements of the National Health Service Act, 1946

1. Hospital Services

- Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board
- Local Hospitals - Administered by North and Mid-Cheshire Hospital Management Committee.
Secretary - Mr. E. Foden,
Administrative Offices,
Altrincham Maternity Home,
Sinderland Road, Altrincham.

2. Hospitals serving this area

- General Acute Cases - Cottage Hospital, Knutsford
Altrincham General Hospital
- Maternity Hospital - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford - 10 beds
- General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford

A large number of cases from Knutsford are also treated in Manchester and District Hospitals.

3. General Practitioner and General Dental Services

- Controlling Body - National Health Service Executive Council for Cheshire.
- Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester

4. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council

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| 1. Ambulance Service | } | Altrincham Divisional
Health Committee |
| 2. Immunisation and Vaccination | | |
| 3. Care and after care | | |
| 4. Home Help Service | | |
| 5. Maternity and Child Welfare | } | County Council
Health Committee |
| 6. Domiciliary Midwifery and
District Nursing | | |
| 7. Dental Service - Expectant
and Nursing Mothers
and pre School Children | | |
| 8. Mental Health Service - | | |
| Senior Mental Welfare Officer:- | | |
| Mr. Thompson, | | |
| 5 School Road, | | |
| Sale | | |

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C. and Bucklow R.D.C. and includes members of these Authorities, members of the County Council and co-opted members.

Divisional Medical Officer and District M.O.H. for the above districts:-
Dr. E. H. Gordon M.D., D.P.H.

B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

1. Education Committee - School Health Services, including School dental service.
2. Welfare Committee - Old persons care and attention, homeless, handicapped persons, provision for :
residential accommodation - County Welfare Officer - Mr. G. Evans, County Hall, Chester.
3. Children's Committee - Provides for the care of deprived children, i.e. children not under parental care.

Children's Officer
for this area - Mr. J. Blades, Stamford House, Altrincham

C. Services available in Knutsford

1. Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, Immunisation and Vaccination - County Officers, Bexton Road, Knutsford
Every Wednesday at 2 - 4 p.m.
2. Young Children's Clinic - Second and fourth Thursday afternoons in each month 2 - 4 p.m. by appointment
3. Hearing Clinic - Alternative Fridays by appointment
4. School Clinic - County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford
 - (a) Minor Ailments Clinic Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9-0 - 10-0 a.m. as required
 - (b) Doctors Session - By appointment as required
 - (c) Dental Clinic - Each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning by appointment
 - (d) Eye Clinic - First Thursday and Fourth Tuesday afternoon each month by appointment
 - (e) Speech Therapy Clinic Each Tuesday morning by appointment.
 - (f) Teacher for the Deaf Monday afternoon by appointment
5. Health Visitors - Nurse Dawson, County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford
Nurse Pickford, County Offices, Bexton Road Knutsford.
6. District Nurses and Midwives - Nurse Stone, 46 Townfields, Knutsford
Nurse Buckley, 7 Ascol Drive, Plumley, Nr. Knutsford
7. Relief District Nurse and Midwife - Nurse Frame, 6 Thorneyholme Drive, Knutsford
8. Ambulance Station - Northwich Road, Knutsford

All enquiries in connection with the above services should be made to:-
Dr. E. H. Gordon, Medical Officer of Health, "Mountlands", The Mount,
Altrincham. Tel. Altrincham 5323/4

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1965 on the Sanitary Circumstances of the area.

Water Supply

The Statutory Undertaking for the supply of Water to the Urban District is the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department and I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager for the following information:-

"Following the completion of the Dunham Park Reservoir and Pumping Station works, the supply to Knutsford Tower was transferred to this source on the 29th December, 1964 and this enabled us to maintain a more satisfactory storage position in Knutsford Tower, particularly at times of peak demand, during 1965.

Work on the low level storage tanks and automatic pumping station in Mereheath Lane was completed just after the middle of the year and, following the necessary tests, this station was brought into use on the 6th October, 1965 to supply Knutsford and the surrounding area during the daytime, the tower being retained for supply at night, i.e. during times of low demand. Provision has been made, however, for automatic starting of the pumps, should supply conditions require this during the night, i.e. major fire etc.

Local storage in the Knutsford area has now been considerably increased and the distribution system has been much improved by the relaying programme which has continued throughout the year.

New mains and connections have been laid as required, to keep pace with the new building developments at the Boothsmere Estate, Bexton Lane, Chelford Road, and other small developments in the district.

In particular, the relaying of the mains in Goughs Lane, Leycester Road and Sudlow Lane has resulted in much improved supply conditions and has eliminated complaints of discoloured water which were prevalent in these areas.

The following is a copy of my Chief Chemist's report giving a typical analysis of the water and the results of the 382 bacteriological samples taken in the area during the year.

Thirlmere and Haweswater Distributed Supplies

Our analysis of the mixed supply as supplied to Knutsford and taken from a house tap is as follows:-

Lab No.	C.1775
pH value	7.4
Colour as ppm platinum	11
Turbidity, ppm silica scale	nil
<u>Parts per million</u>	
Total solids dried at 180°C	42
Free acidity as CO ₂	1
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	10
Total hardness as CaCO ₃	22
Chlorides as chlorion	8
Oxygen absorbed test 4 hours at 27°C	0.78
Silica as SiO ₂	3
Iron as Fe	0.04
Manganese as Mn	0.02

This supply shows only slight variations in chemical characteristics during the year.

Bacteriological results

Three hundred and eighty two bacteriological samples were collected in the south western distribution area of Manchester Corporation Waterworks during the year ended 31st March 1966 with the following results:-

Total number of samples	382	
Samples free from coliform bacteria	364	95.3%
Samples free from faecal coli	377	98.7%
Samples with faecal coli present	5	1.3%
Samples with non-faecal coli present	16	4.2%

The coliform bacteria would be derived from "aftergrowths" in the mains deposits and there is no significance to be attached to the finding of infrequent small numbers of faecal coli in each of the 5 samples found with E.coli the count was 1 per 100 mls.

The water quality - satisfactory both chemically and bacteriologically throughout the year."

Refuse Collection

The Council operate a weekly collection of house refuse throughout the whole of the District with a more frequent service to the larger catering premises.

Two Karrier "Dual Tip" vehicles are used for this service one of 18 cu. yds. capacity and the other 12 cu. yds.

Halfway through the year a form of incentive bonus scheme was introduced to improve the service and this appears to have had a beneficial effect.

Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Shaw Heath Tip where a full-time Attendant is employed. The small bulldozer was replaced by an International loading shovel which is a larger and more versatile machine giving more satisfactory results.

A new access road has been made to the Tip to allow for a petrol filling station, and a small portion of the Tip is now used as a heavy vehicle park.

The Tip is kept open on Saturday mornings for the benefit of residents who wish to deposit rubbish, and a great deal of use is made of this facility.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

All the sewerage from the Urban District with the exception of a small area east of King Street and an area in Bexton Lane, which are pumped through rising mains, is carried by gravitating sewers to the Disposal Works on the bank of the Birkin Brook on the north east boundary of the Town.

The reconstruction and modernization of the Disposal Works were substantially completed at the end of the year, and parts are already in operation.

During the year one waste water closet has been converted to a flush type W.C. under the provisions of Section 47 of the Public Health Act 1936 and two properties formerly served by a septic tank have been connected to the sewer.

Hairdressers and Barbers

Eight establishments are registered for the purpose of the Cheshire County Council Act 1953.

Outworkers

One resident in the area was notified as an outworker in the making of wearing apparel.

Smoke Abatement

No change has taken place with regard to the industrial boiler installations, two being oil fired and one equipped with mechanical stokers. None of these gave cause for complaint during the year.

Rodent Control

The Council have one part-time operator who has been trained in rodent control by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, and although only domestic premises have been treated free of charge in the past in October the Council decided to extend this free service to business premises.

The following table gives details of infestations and treatments carried out during the year:-

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Business and other Premises	Total of Cols. 1,2,3.	Agricul - ture
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's Dist.	8	3,133	527	3,668	14
2. Properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	-	58	8	66	2
(b) Survey under the Act	-	115	32	147	6
(c) Otherwise	8	84	45	137	-
3. Properties found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats (major & minor)	2	54	8	64	2
(b) Mice (major & minor)	1	20	2	23	-
4. Infested Properties treated by the L.A.	3	74	10	87	-

Disinfection and Disinfestation

It was not necessary to take any action under this heading during the year.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

The Cheshire County Council are the authority for the taking of samples under the above Act and I am indebted to Mr. Howard Hughes, Chief Weights and Measures Inspector for the following details of samples taken in the District during the year:-

Samples taken	Number	Number of Non- standard samples
Almond Oil	1	-
Aspirin	1	-
Beechams Powders	1	-
Carrots	1	-
Cauliflower	1	-
Cheese Flaps (in tomato sauce)	1	-
Crab (dressed)	1	-
Eno Fruit Salts	1	-
Grapefruit Juice	1	-
Hydrogen Peroxide Solution	1	-
Indigestion Tablets	1	-
Jelly- table (Raspberry Flavour)	1	-
Milks - fresh	31	-
Milk Pudding (Creamed Rice)	1	-
Mint Sauce	1	-
Mint - dried	1	-
Pork Pie	1	1
Pudding Rice	2	2
Soft Drinks: - Orange Crush	1	-
Soups: - Vegetable	1	-
Welsh Rarebit	1	-
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Particulars of Adulterated Non-Standard Samples

No.	Samples	Results of Analysis	Remarks
1	Pudding Rice	Contaminated with small particles of soil	Millers cautioned
2	Pudding Rice	Contained 27 pellets of compacted soil	Millers cautioned
3	Fork Pie	Contaminated with miscellaneous dirt	Bakers fined £50 Costs £14. 8. 0.

Particulars of Complaints From Private Purchasers

Complaint From	Complaint	Remarks
Householder	Metal washer in meat pie	No Action. Insufficient evidence

It will be observed that it was necessary to take legal proceedings in connection with one sample which was found to be contaminated with miscellaneous dirt as a result of which the manufacturer was fined £50. 0. 0. and ordered to pay £14. 8. 0. costs. In the matter reported by a private purchaser concerning a metal washer alleged to be found in a meat pie no action was taken as there was insufficient evidence to support the complaint.

Milk Supply

There are 4 distributors of milk operating in the District all of which obtain their milk already bottled from the larger establishments outside the area.

60 samples of milk were taken in the District by the County Council for submission to the Public Health Laboratory and upon examination all but one of these were found to be satisfactory.

4 complaints concerning milk supply were received all of which were passed on to the County Council for investigation.

Inspection of meat and other foods

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the Town which are licensed annually on the 1st July each year, both of which maintain a high standard of hygiene.

Weekend meat inspection is carried out on a rota basis with the Inspectors of the Bucklow R.D.C., where weekend slaughtering takes place at a slaughterhouse just outside this District.

The following table shows the number of carcasses inspected and the number affected with disease:-

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	466	0	0	1543	100
Number inspected	466	0	0	1543	100
All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticercosis whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	21	0	0	26	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	4.5%	0	0	1.7%	3%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u> carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0

In addition the following foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

6 tins of ham
1 tin of cornbeef
28 lbs kipper fillets

Slaughter of Animals Acts

8 licences to slaughter in accordance with the above Acts were issued during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

One animal boarding establishment is registered and this has been kept in a satisfactory manner at all times.

Housing Slum Clearance

Notice of Time and Place in accordance with Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 was served in respect of 8 houses, and in all cases Undertakings not to re-let the properties in their present condition upon the expiration of the tenancies were accepted. One of the properties is to be converted into a shop. A scheme has been approved to convert two properties into one to make a satisfactory dwelling and two schemes have been approved to bring the dwellings up to a proper standard. Eight houses were demolished during the year.

The position at the end of the year with regard to the Council's slum clearance programme is as follows:-

Houses demolished	93
Houses closed or put to some other use	6
Undertaking not to re-let held or properties acquired	40
Properties reconditioned or schemes approved	17
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New Houses

Once again there was a considerable increase in the number of houses completed by private developers, 154 being completed as against 51 in the previous year.

The Council's scheme for 30 houses of which 10 were for sale to Council house tenants was also completed during the year.

Improvement Grants

There has been a gratifying response to the Improvement Scheme and the number of applications approved shows a considerable increase over the previous year. 25 applications for Standard Grant were approved as against 15 in the previous year together with 3 applications for Conversion Grant and one for Discretionary Grant. 3 of the Standard Grants were of the extended type, two of which included the provision of a mains water supply and septic tank drainage and the other an extension to form a bathroom.

The above covered the provision of 25 internal W.C.'s, 23 baths, 24 wash-hand basins, 19 food stores and the supply of hot water in 22 cases.

To date the number of Grants approved is as follows:-

Conversion Grants	13
Discretionary Grants	40
Standard Grants	75
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Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received and no action under the Rent Act was required.

Caravans

There are no licensed caravans or caravan sites in the District.

Factories Act 1938

During the year 25 inspections of factories and work places were carried out and two infringements were discovered.

Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to health:-

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect- ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	32	25	2	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	-	-	-
	36	25	2	-

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

The following is a list of premises registered under the Act at the end of the year:-

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspect- ion during the year
Offices	8	52	4
Retail Shops	6	74	16
Wholesale shops, ware- houses	1	8	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	20	5
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-

The number of people employed in the registered premises are as follows:-

Class of workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	344
Retail Shops	297
Wholesale departments, warehouses	23
Catering establishments open to the public	134
Canteens	9
Fuel storage depots	-
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	Total 807
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	Total Males 327
	Total Females 480

Market

The Department is responsible for the management of the Market which comprises 17 inside stalls and 22 outside stalls, and in November a Friday Market was instituted in addition to the existing Saturday one.

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